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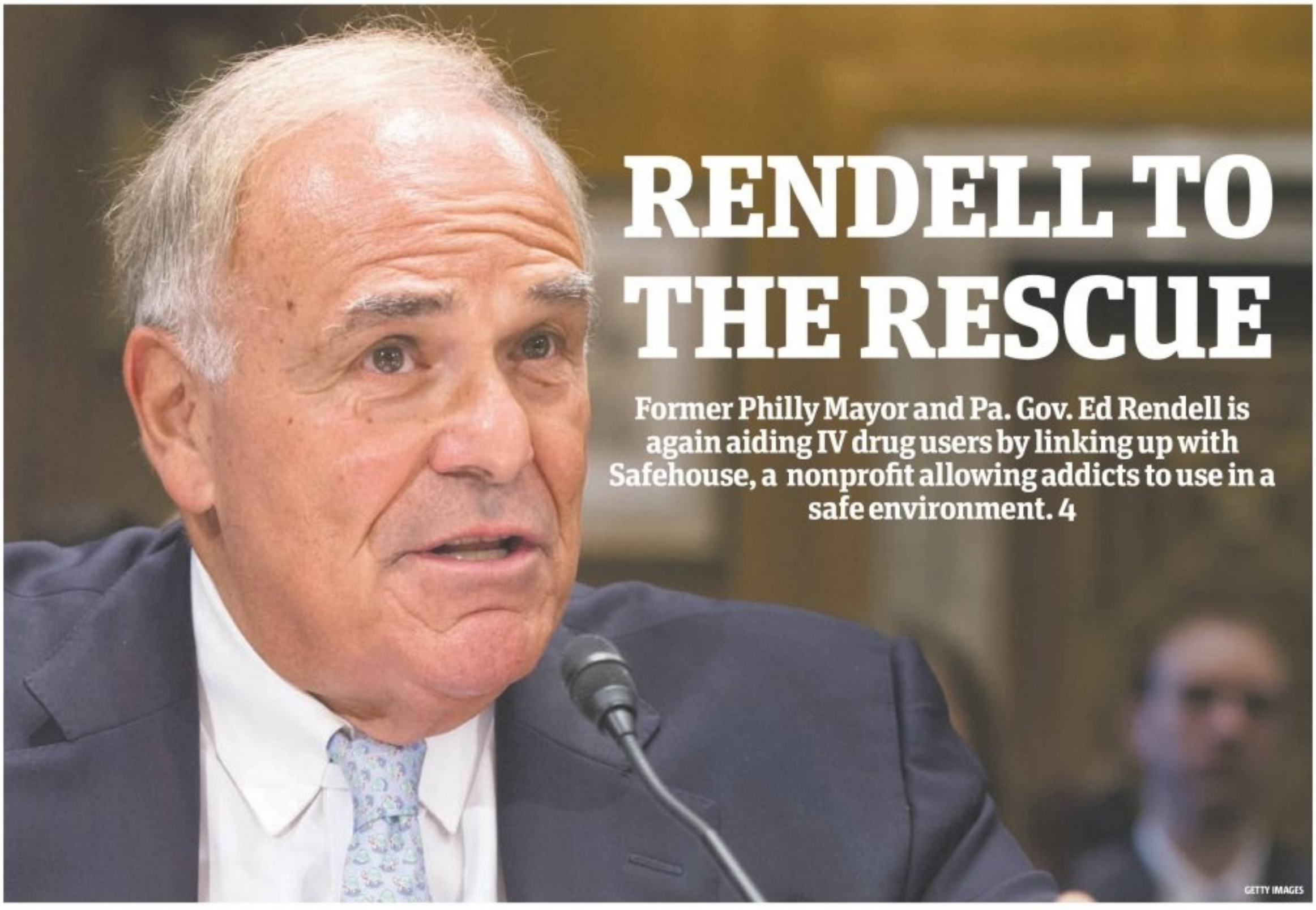

RENDELL TO THE RESCUE

Former Philly Mayor and Pa. Gov. Ed Rendell is again aiding IV drug users by linking up with Safehouse, a nonprofit allowing addicts to use in a safe environment. 4

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No matter where you stand on America's opioid crisis — magnified and made even more menacing by all of the Philly statistics regarding addiction and lives lost — you'd be hard-pressed to find fault with Ed Rendell's mission toward making a Safehouse a workable proposition for those in need of a watchful eye, care and possible rehabilitation. Rendell may be a staunch Democrat, but his goal in attempting to secure someplace safe for addicts and the public alike ("and it can happen to anyone of any economic class or race") is a truly bipartisan rallying cry. **metrophilly.us.**

1 FORMER 'AI' CONTESTANT IN HEROIN DISTRIBUTION BUST

Former "American Idol" contestant Antonella Barba has been arrested for the distribution of heroin. The season 6 singer was booked on charges of felony drug distribution this past Thursday in Norfolk, Virginia, around 11:30 a.m. The 31-year-old was arrested for the possession of 100 grams or more and is currently being held in a Norfolk jail without bail. She is due in court on Monday. Barba appeared in the same season as "American Idol" winner Jordin Sparks. Barba made it into the top 16, but found herself voted out after racy pictures of the young performer appeared online. One of the photos featured Barba in a wet T-shirt posing at the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Others showed Barba topless on the beach. "The pictures that were released of me — the ones that are of me — they are very personal and that is not how I intended to portray myself nor do I intend to portray myself that way in the future," Barba said at the time. The New Jersey native was also arrested back in 2011 for shoplifting at an Urban Outfitters in Manhattan.

2 RUBIO: US MUST TAKE ACTION OVER JOURNALIST

U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio said the United States must confront Saudi Arabia or risk losing credibility on human rights, if allegations are proven true that the Saudi government orchestrated the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi. "If we do not take action, including potentially arms sales, as a result of this, if it turns out to be what they say it is, then we are not going to be able to with a straight face or any credibility confront Putin or Assad or Maduro in Venezuela or frankly confront the Chinese and their human rights violations," Rubio said on Sunday in an interview with CBS's "Face the Nation." Khashoggi went missing after entering the Saudi consulate in Istanbul, Turkey, on Oct 2. to retrieve documents for his forthcoming marriage. Turkish officials and his fiancée said he never came out. Turkish sources have said they believe Khashoggi was killed inside the building and his body removed, allegations that Riyadh dismisses as baseless. President Donald Trump vowed to get to the bottom of what happened in a separate CBS interview, due to be aired Sunday, and said there would be "severe punishment" if it were found Khashoggi was killed by the Saudi government.

3 FLORIDA PANHANDLE FACES MAJOR DESTRUCTION AFTER HURRICANE MICHAEL

Rev. John Blount holds a service outside of St. Andrew United Methodist Church on Sunday after it was damaged when Hurricane Michael passed through the area. The hurricane hit the Florida Panhandle as a Category 4 storm, causing massive damage, and claimed the lives of at least 18 people. ***For more on Hurricane Michael, turn to page 6.***

4 'MALCOLM X AVENUE' NEW STREET NAME IN TURKEY

City authorities in Turkey's capital Ankara have renamed the street where the new U.S. Embassy is being built "Malcolm X Avenue" after the U.S. civil rights leader, state media reported. The move coincides with a period of fraught relations between Turkey and the United States and comes after other politically charged name changes to streets in Ankara. In February, the city renamed the street outside the current U.S. Embassy "Olive Branch," which is what Turkey called one of its military campaigns in Syria. Ankara is at odds with Washington over its backing of forces led by the Kurdish YPG militia, which Turkey views as a terrorist group. Radical U.S. civil rights leader Malcolm X remains a divisive figure in U.S. history and Ankara's move will likely be received negatively by critics who say he stirred racist and anti-U.S. sentiment. "The street was given the name of U.S. Muslim politician and human rights defender Malcolm X, about whom President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said 'we will make his name live on in Ankara,'" Ankara's municipality said in a statement on Saturday.

5 INTERNET PARTIALLY RESTORED FOR ASSANGE

Ecuador has restored partial internet access to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, who took refuge in the country's London Embassy more than six years ago, WikiLeaks and an Assange lawyer said separately on Sunday. The move comes nearly six months after the Ecuadorean government suspended Assange's communications in March, after he discussed issues on social media that could damage the country's diplomatic relations, including a diplomatic crisis between London and Moscow as well as Catalonian separatism. "Ecuador rolls back @JulianAssange isolation," WikiLeaks said in a message on Twitter. The change was also confirmed by Assange's Australian legal adviser, Greg Barns, who called it "a welcome development." An Assange spokesman said his communications have been only partially restored. Assange took refuge in Ecuador's London Embassy after British courts ordered his extradition to Sweden to face questioning in a sexual molestation case. That case has since been dropped. But supporters say Assange now fears he could be arrested and eventually extradited to the U.S. if he leaves the embassy.

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Wrongful death and survival claims can occur in a variety of situations, including medical malpractice and accidents. If a doctor or other health care provider was careless, and death resulted, an action can be brought. Car accident fatalities involving negligence can be wrongful death, if a victim dies as a result of injuries caused by another driver's carelessness. These are just a few examples of personal injury cases that are wrongful death/survival claims. A wrongful death/survival claim can stem from almost any kind of personal injury situation resulting in death.

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Rendell is looking for a Safehouse for Philadelphia drug users

It's not the first time the former Pa. gov. has helped IV drug users.

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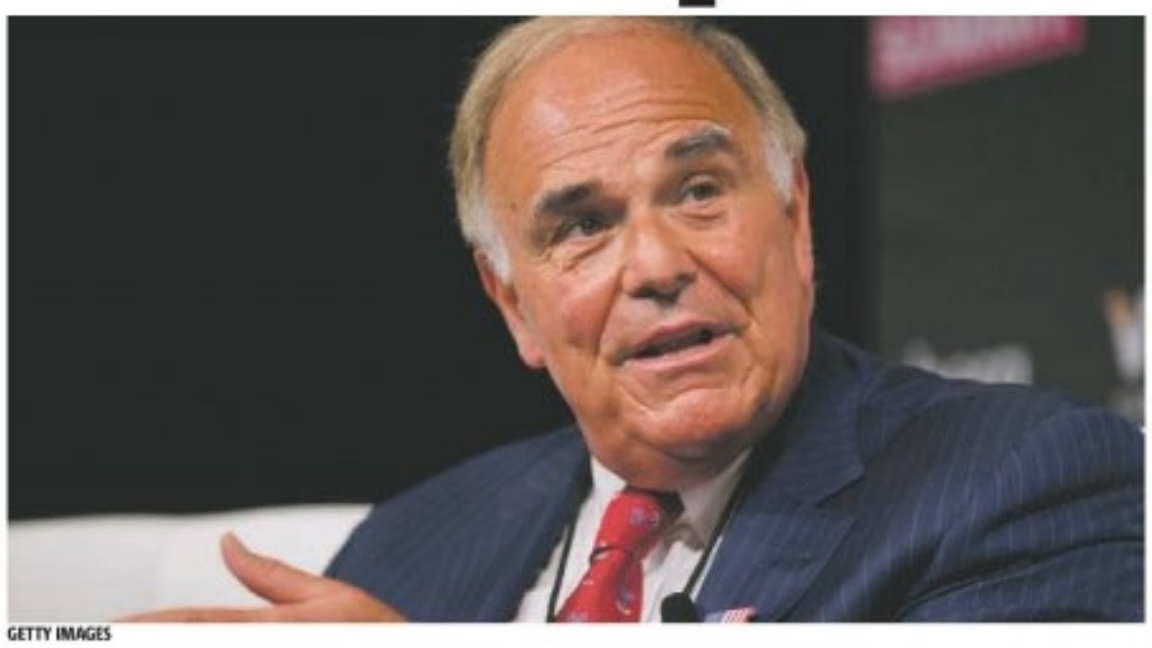

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5%

In 2018, 5% of IV drug users in Phila. have contracted AIDS.

When word came last week that former Philly mayor and Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell was linking up with the nonprofit Safehouse project — a public-health response to rampant opioid use and a heroin supply laced with fentanyl — on a location to protect addicts from danger, where they can use drugs under medical supervision and be given immediate attention if they overdose, tongues wagged.

"It won't be the only time I did something unpopular at its start," said Rendell from his office. "It won't be the last, either."

Those who know Rendell recall that this isn't the first time he's aided IV drug users. Twenty-six years ago, he was behind Philly's first and (then) only needle exchange. "It was a good idea in 1992, because 50 percent of the people who contracted AIDS in Philadelphia — and in those days, AIDS was a death sentence — contracted the disease through the use of dirty needles, not sexual activity."

At that time, the needle-exchange Prevention Point program and its head, Jose Benitez, came to Rendell and told him of their wishes.

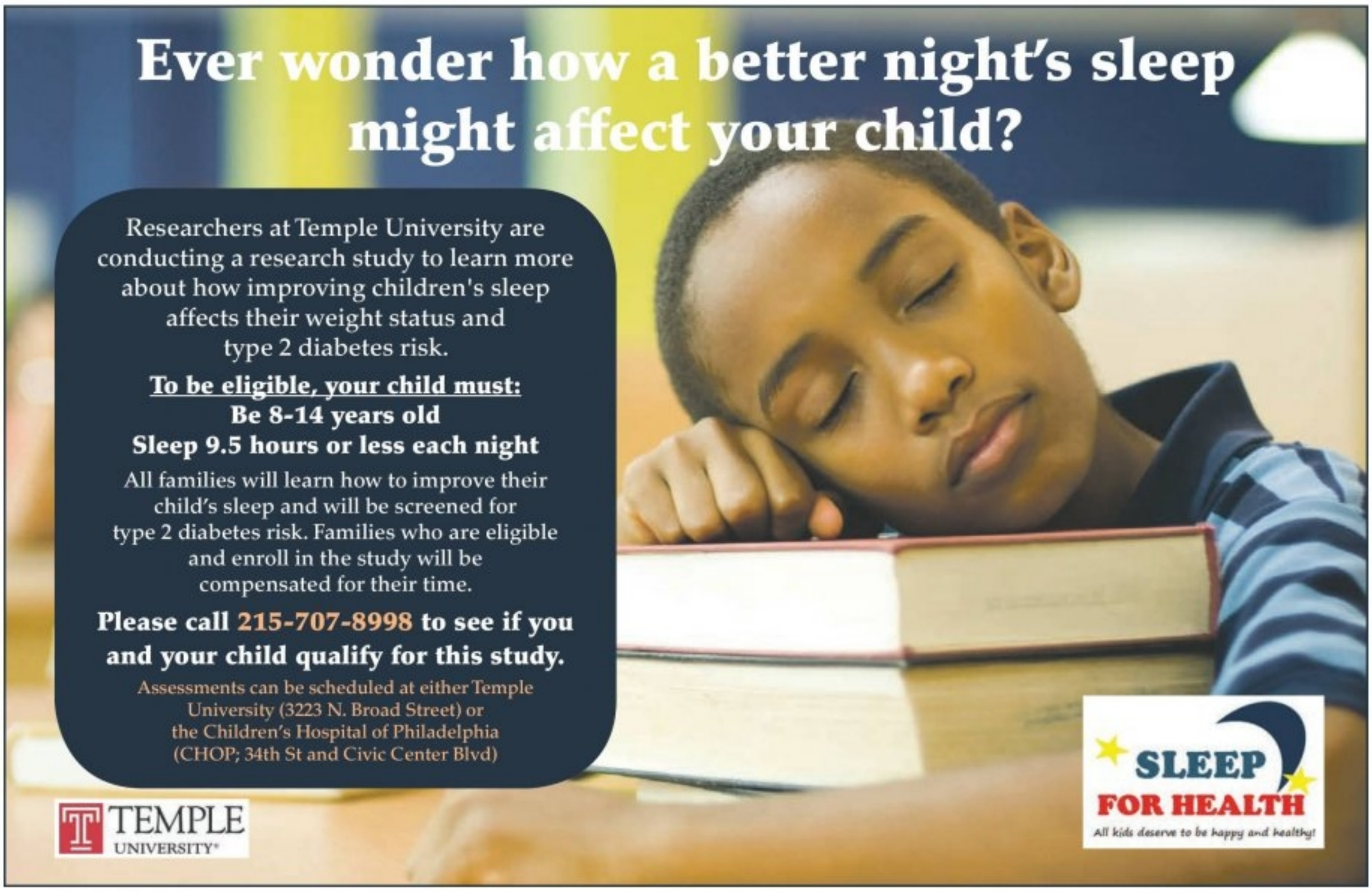
"There was a two-fold benefit: It would ensure people injected themselves with clean needles, which would reduce the number of those dying and contracting AIDS," said Rendell, pointing out how, 26 years later, only 5 percent of needle drug users in this city have contracted AIDS.

"From that standpoint, Prevention Point has been an unqualified success. They not only give out free needles, they discuss treatment alternatives to help break addiction." Last year, some 700-plus people went into programs due to the work of Prevention Point, to say nothing of the lives saved.

That's why now, 26 years later — with the looming 2017 statistic of 1,271 local overdose deaths, the highest in the nation — Rendell has teamed up with Benitez again for Safehouse. "Most of those deaths in Philly happened in private homes to those who were alone, and because they were alone, they didn't have access to Narcan and they died from an overdose. We now know most overdoses can be reversed almost immediately by the administration of Narcan," said Rendell about the meds (Naloxone) used to block the effects of opioids.

At the clean, safe injection sites that Rendell and Benitez are proposing, there will be doctors and nurses "to watch over a person shooting up, and if they OD, care for them, administer Narcan," said Rendell. "And again, before they inject, there will be people there to discuss their addiction and suggest treatment programs."

The benefits realized by Benitez and Rendell's teaming for Prevention Point have been solid and consistent, and would seem to make Safehouse a safe bet. "It just makes common sense," Rendell said.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PA Republican candidate threatens to stomp on opponent's face

The Republican candidate for governor of Pennsylvania threatened to stomp on the face of his Democratic opponent in a video posted to social media on Friday and then walked back his comments, saying he made a mistake in his choice of words.

Republican Scott Wagner is trailing well behind incumbent Democrat Tom Wolf in the polls ahead of the Nov. 6 election, and the video posted on Wagner's campaign Facebook page was part of an acrimonious battle in one of the most populous U.S. states.

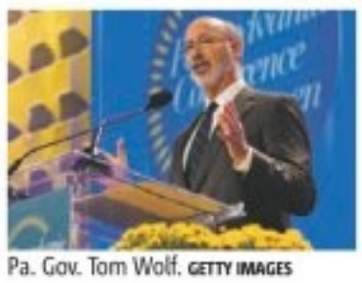
"Gov. Wolf, let me tell you what, between now and Nov. 6, you'd better put a catcher's mask on your face because I'm going to stomp all over your face with golf spikes," Wolf said in the video.

A few hours later, the video was taken down. Wagner explained: "I may have chosen a poor metaphor. I shouldn't have said what I said."

On his Facebook page, Wolf encouraged people to share the original video if they agreed that "Scott Wagner should not be the governor of Pennsylvania."

The video with Wagner's threat set off a social media storm and attracted the attention of a few prominent Republicans, including Steve Scalise, the No. 3 Republican in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"These comments are totally unacceptable. As I've said many times before, there is absolutely no place in our politics for this kind of rhetoric, said Scalise, who battled for his life after he was shot by a gunman who opened fire on Republican lawmakers during baseball practice in 2017. REUTERS



Pa. Gov. Tom Wolf. GETTY IMAGES

Members of City of Miami Fire-Rescue look for victims in a building in Mexico Beach, Florida, in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael on Friday. Rescue teams using sniffer dogs carried out a grim search for victims. GETTY IMAGES

Hopes fade for more survivors of Hurricane Michael

At least 18 people have been killed due to the hurricane.

The hunt for missing people in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael early Sunday is turning into a search for the dead, as hope of finding more people alive fades in the Florida Panhandle, U.S. officials said.

"We're going into recovery mode, unfortunately," said Fire Chief Alex Baird of Panama City, one of the coastal Florida communities clobbered by the hurricane that made landfall Wednesday as a Category 4 storm, packing more than 140 mph winds and deadly storm surges.

"At sunrise, we'll start again on our search," Baird said. "We hope that we'll find more [survivors], but it's more and more doubtful."

President Donald Trump is expected to visit both Florida and Georgia early this week to inspect the damage, and the White House said late Saturday the president was fully committed to helping state and local agencies with the recovery.

The death toll of the storm reached at least 18 Saturday night and is expected to rise in the Southeast as rescuers go door-to-door in coastal communities in Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas.

Search and rescue volunteers have already located hundreds of people reported missing last week.

On Saturday, rescue crews heard cries for help and crowbarred into a mobile home crumpled by the storm in Panama City, freeing a mother and daughter, both diabetics who had been trapped in a closet without insulin for two days and were on the verge of diabetic shock, rescuers said.

A lack of food and water is among the most pressing issues for people reeling from the storm, said one volunteer who had been working in the Panama City area.

Rescue teams, hampered by power and telephone outages, used cadaver dogs, drones and heavy equipment to hunt for people in the rubble.

More than 1,700 search and rescue workers were deployed, including seven swift-water rescue teams and nearly 300 ambulances, Florida Gov. Rick Scott's office said. REUTERS

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"Queen" by Keisha Watley. ALL IMAGES COLORED GIRLS MUSEUM

A trio of artists showcase their work at The Colored Girls Museum

Vashti Dubois has a positive message for women of color.

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Located in a quiet residential area in Germantown, Pa., The Colored Girls Museum uses carefully curated art exhibits to empower black women and girls of all backgrounds. In a city that's almost 50 percent black, The Colored Girls Museum is, in the words of executive director and founder Vashti Dubois, a "public ritual for the protection, praise and grace of the ordinary colored girl."

A native of Brooklyn, Dubois' passion for building community played an integral role in developing The Colored Girls Museum. "Being part of community has been really central to my experience. My curator Michael Clemons and my associate director and performance curator Ian Friday are longtime friends of mine, so I hope what you feel in here is the love and respect. You can't create something like this without love."

Dubois and her team are intentional in focusing on the work of black female artists at The Colored Girls Museum. For the museum's latest exhibit, "In Search of The Colored Girl," vibrant paintings of girls of color of all shades and skin tones appear next to finely crafted dolls as Dubois helps guide visitors on a mission to immerse themselves in the essence of the black woman and girl's experience.

"That's important for us to think about as we search for The Colored Girl," says Dubois. "What is her legacy? What are all the places that her story is? How does it get passed on and in what particular ways?"

The artists include West Philadelphia native Keisha Watley, who expresses herself creatively through painting and frequently facilitates art workshops for youth and creative-empowerment events.

Mexican-American artist Karina Puente uses paintings, charcoal drawings and innovative papel picado installations to pay homage to her Mexican cultural heritage.

A member of a revered Philadelphia art family, Ellen Tiberino uses glass mosaic work to make politically active statements and affirm her identity as a strong woman of color.

Dubois hopes every woman and girl of color receives a positive message from The Colored Girls Museum. "I hope the message that comes across is that this a small way of saying, as we search for The Colored Girl, I see you," she says.

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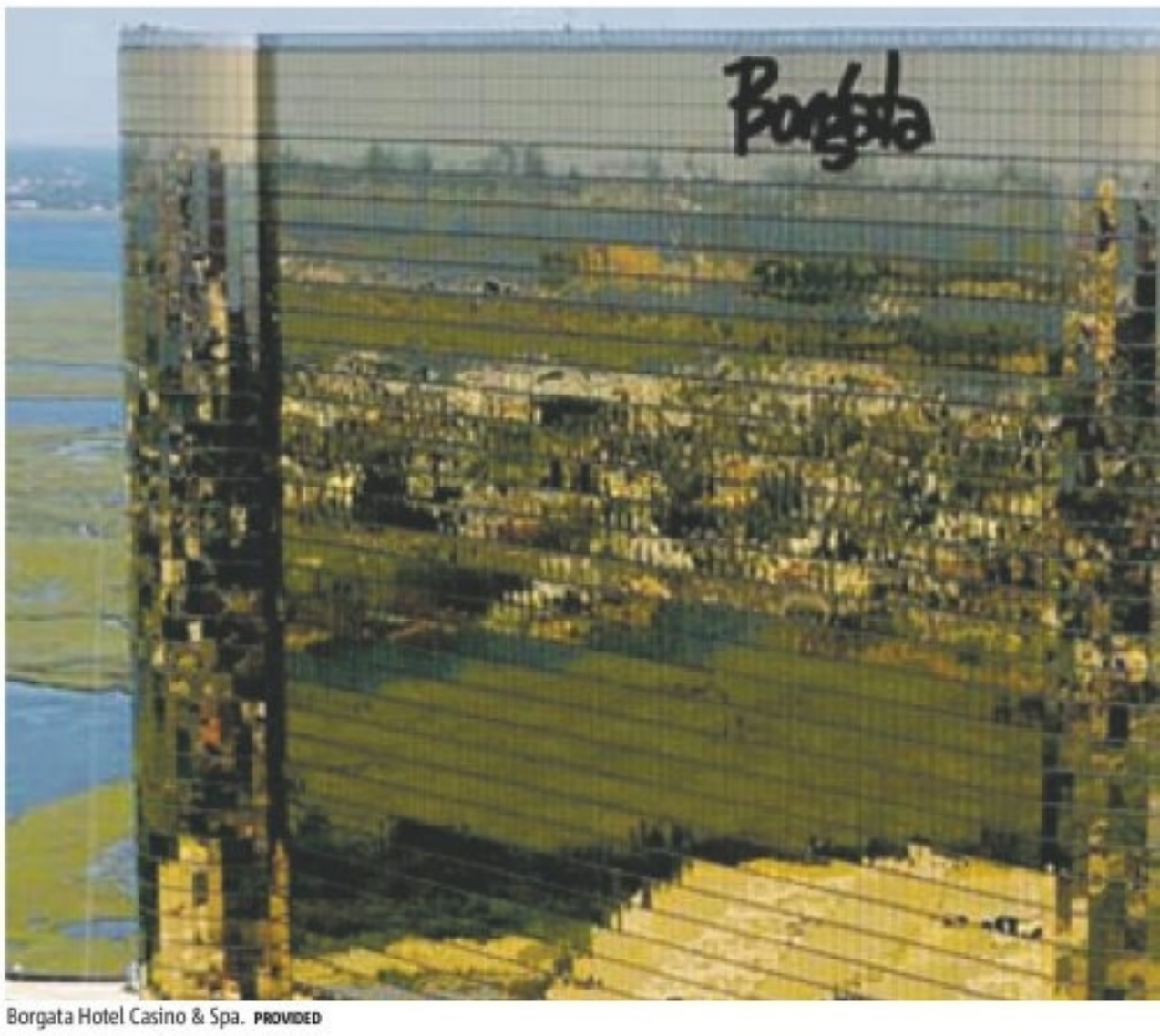

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Here's a rundown of the latest AC and PA casino victories, plus other C-notes.

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In the gaming world of big news and big features to go with them, some of the seemingly smaller stuff — or, information we now take for granted that's certainly destined to be huge news — often slips through the casino floors' cracks. Here are a few new stories we're rolling "7" on this week.

Let's play football
We knew it was going to happen, as every New Jersey casino owner and floor manager we spoke to waited with baited breath. But when figures were released by the Jersey state Division of Gaming Enforcement on Oct. 12, almost $184 million was bet on sports in New Jersey in September, up from $96 million in August. The largest (and expected) part of that jump? The start of the pro and college football seasons.

Since sports betting in Jersey began in mid-June — after the state won a U.S. Supreme Court decision the month previous to its start, clearing the way for the rest of the states to offer sports betting — it has pulled in $336-plus million in bets in the state.

Jersey casinos keep just under 8 percent of the amount bet as earnings after winning bets are paid out. Also, of the $336 million in sports bets made in New Jersey in 2018, $210 million got placed online or via phone, as opposed to a casino or racetrack.

Atlantic City's nine casinos pulled in $272.2 million in revenue last month, an increase of 15.5 percent from this same time in 2017. Internet gambling in New Jersey was up 26.3 percent to $25.7 million.

So where are Jersey's neighbors in Delaware and Pennsylvania? Delaware casinos at Harrington, Dover Downs, and Wilmington's Delaware Park got their sports betting operations not long after New Jersey, but are moving slowly to start. In Pennsylvania, the first sports betting licenses were awarded to two casinos last week — Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment (which operates Parx Casino in Bensalem and the South Philly Turf Club) and Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course near Hershey — but full operations probably won't be ready until November at the earliest. Also in October, the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board awarded an online gambling license to Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem.

Borgata named "Property of the Year"
MGM Resorts International's Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa was named the 2018 "Property of the Year" during the Global Gaming Awards at the Global Gaming Expo.

As a casino reporter, all gaming venues are like my children, each special in every way. Yet, there's one that's just got to stand out, right? The Global Gaming peeps, during the 2018 Global Gaming Expo USA that just ended at Sands Expo Convention Center in Las Vegas, found Atlantic City's Borgata to be the top dog when it came to the "Property of the Year" at its Global Gaming Awards. A panel of 60 industry expert judges took into consideration everything from the Borgata's summer and autumn list

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Was bet on sports in New Jersey in September.

of entertainers (e.g., Cher, Britney Spears, Stevie Wonder, Jerry Seinfeld, an upcoming sold-out October show with comedian Bill Burr) to its exclusive culinary experiences and unique casino promotions.

Also, in June, the Borgata made history when it became the first Atlantic City casino to accept legal sports wagers under Jersey's new sports betting law. "Borgata is a stalwart of the Atlantic City market," wrote David Cook, the editor of Gambling Insider, the team behind the awards with the Global Gaming Expo which recognizes land-based and digital businesses for achievements in the gaming industry over the previous year.

"This award is a testament to Borgata's world-class offerings and showcases MGM Resorts' leadership in markets throughout the United States and around the world," said Jim Murren, chairman and CEO of MGM Resorts International, in a statement. "We're committed to being the industry leader in every market in which we operate, and we look forward to creating new, innovative and groundbreaking opportunities in New Jersey and nationwide."

You can check out the listings of the awards judges and categories at globalgamingawards.com.

SugarHouse wrist slap

Earlier this month, the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board fined SugarHouse Casino $100,000 for dealing cards to patrons using "illegitimate" decks. This includes several incidents in 2017 where cards were compromised by malfunctioning automatic shufflers after employees failed to address warning lights on automated shufflers used at poker, blackjack, and mini-baccarat tables between May 2017 and January 2018.

Also, on several occasions, dealers used card decks with too many cards or too few cards. The casino and state gaming investigators found no collusion, and all wrongs have been righted by SugarHouse so that none of the errors — human or machine-made — would be repeated.

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Saudi Arabia vows retaliation against any sanctions over Khashoggi case

President Donald Trump meets with Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in the Oval Office of the White House. GETTY IMAGES

The Saudis deny any involvement in his disappearance.

Saudi Arabia on Sunday warned against threats to punish it over last week's disappearance of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, as European and U.S. allies piled on pressure.

Khashoggi, a U.S. resident and Washington Post columnist critical of Riyadh's policies, disappeared on Oct. 2 after entering the Saudi consulate in Istanbul. Turkey believes he was murdered and his body removed. Saudi Arabia has denied that.

President Donald Trump has threatened "severe punishment" if it turns out Khashoggi was killed in the consulate, though he said Washington would be "punishing" itself if it halted military sales to Riyadh.

"The Kingdom affirms its total rejection of any threats and attempts to undermine it, whether by threatening to impose economic sanctions, using political pressures, or repeating false accusations," the official Saudi Press Agency (SPA) quoted an unnamed official as saying.

"The Kingdom also affirms that if it receives any action, it will respond with greater action, and that the Kingdom's economy has an influential and vital role in the global economy," the official added, without elaborating.

The Saudi Embassy in Washington later tweeted what it called a clarification, thanking countries including the United States "for refraining from jumping to conclusions" over the case.

Europe's largest economies — Britain, France and Germany — said on Sunday they were treating the case with "the utmost seriousness."

"There needs to be a credible investigation to establish the truth about what happened, and — if relevant — to identify those bearing responsibility for the disappearance of Jamal Khashoggi, and ensure that they are held to account," the countries said in a joint statement.

"We encourage joint Saudi-Turkish efforts in that regard, and expect the Saudi Government to provide a complete and detailed response. We have conveyed this message directly to the Saudi authorities."

"Saudi Arabia will respond with greater action."
A Saudi official

The statement, by Britain's Jeremy Hunt, France's Jean-Yves Le Drian and Germany's Heiko Maas, made no mention of potential actions the countries might take. Hunt later said that if Saudi Arabia were proved to be guilty, "we would have to think about the appropriate way to react in that situation."

U.S. senators called for reactions ranging from boycotting an upcoming economic summit in Riyadh to ending support for Saudi military operations in Yemen.

"If they lured this man into that consulate, they went medieval on him, and he was killed and he was chopped up and they sent a death crew down there to kill him and do all of this, that would be an outrage," Florida Sen. Marco Rubio told CNN's "State of the Union." REUTERS

Does sex really matter in a relationship?

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Whether you're partnered or single, investing in your mental health doesn't have to be a solo journey. No one knows this better than the Philadelphia Institute for Individual, Relational & Sex Therapy (PhIIRST). At the end of the day, it's all about braving life's challenges so that you can be your best self.

How big of a role does sex play in your relationship? The truth is that there's no right or wrong answer. Every couple is different, and the way we feel loved and valued varies from person to person. Metro connected with Dr. Chris Fariello, a couples therapist and Director of PhIIRST, for the inside scoop on sex and intimacy.

Does sex really matter? Yes and no. It really depends on the ways in which people feel loved and valued by their partners. Intimacy helps couples stay connected and committed, but it comes in many forms. For some, sexual intimacy is the most important. Both partners need to figure out if sex is an indicator of love and commitment. If it is for one person, then it's important to the relationship.

How does someone know if sexual intimacy is important for their partner? It really comes down to having a conversation with your partner to understand the types of intimacy they need. This also provides an opportunity for them to learn what's important for you, as well. The conversation can begin by just asking, "How are we doing? What's working in our relationship, and what's not? What do we need to do differently?" If you start there, it'll likely lead to a discussion about intimacy and sex.

What if talking about sex is too difficult? Sex can be a very difficult topic for some couples. Again, you can start by having a general conversation about the relationship. I recommend couples check in with each other at least once a year to talk about how their relationship is going. This may be a good time to talk about sex.

Can working with a therapist help? Yes! Therapists with specific training, like those at PhIIRST, can be very helpful in getting the conversation going and moving a couple in the right direction. They can create a safe space and help each person feel heard. They can also help translate what each person is hoping their partner can hear. People often misinterpret what their partner is asking for, but therapists are really good at helping people feel heard. When partners feel heard and validated, intimacy is more likely to follow.

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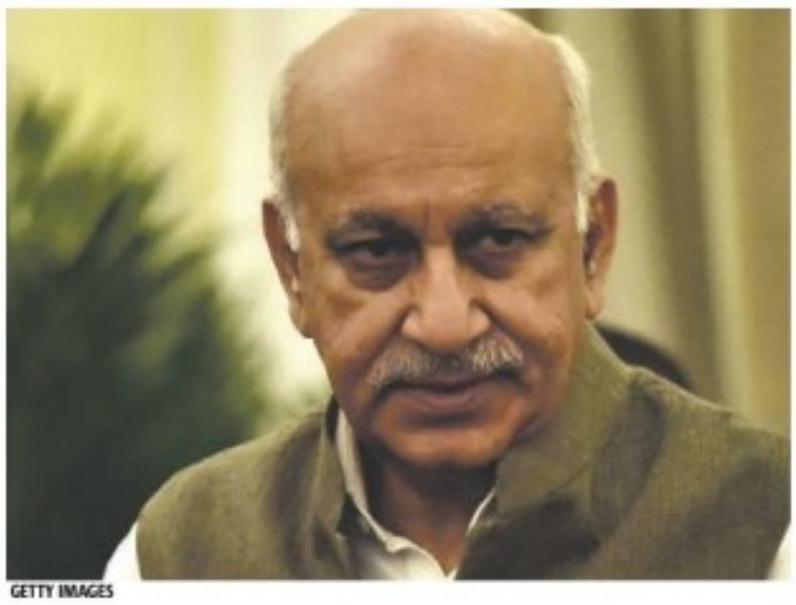

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M.J. Akbar has quickly become the face of India's #MeToo movement.

Indian minister M.J. Akbar described multiple allegations of sexual harassment against him as "wild and baseless" on Sunday and added he plans to take legal action against the women who have made the accusations.

The comments by Akbar, 67, follow widespread calls on social media for his resignation from his post as the minister of state for external affairs in the Indian government, after at least 10 women came forward to accuse him of harassment in recent days.

"The allegations of misconduct made against me are false and fabricated, spiced up by innuendo and malice," said Akbar in a one-page statement given to Reuters partner ANI in India.

The veteran editor, who founded several publications, has been accused of a range of inappropriate behavior by female journalists who previously worked as his subordinates.

Many journalists have called for Akbar to be sacked and have threatened to boycott events he is attending until he resigns.

The government has remained silent on the issue for days, while Akbar was attending a conference in Nigeria. He returned to New Delhi on Sunday morning to find a crowd of reporters waiting outside his residence.

Akbar said he plans to fight the allegations and questioned if they were politically motivated.

"Why has this storm risen a few months before a general election? Is there an agenda? You be the judge," he said.

Harinder Baweja, one of the women who has accused Akbar, criticized his response.

"All the women who tried to deal with the trauma for two to three decades and were now encouraged to share their pain, had the general election in mind. How absurd," said Baweja, a senior journalist with the daily Hindustan Times, on Twitter on Sunday.

Akbar is one of the highest-profile figures so far to face accusations in India's burgeoning #MeToo movement.

The movement that began in the United States in response to accusations of sexual harassment and abuse by powerful men in media and entertainment over a year ago has picked up pace in India in the last few weeks after a Bollywood actress accused a colleague of inappropriate behavior on the sets of a film they were shooting in 2008.

Since then, over a dozen men from media, entertainment and the art world have been accused of offenses ranging from sexual harassment to rape. Several media organizations have sacked or sent employees on leave in recent days after a string of similar allegations.

In the latest allegation to surface against Akbar, Majlie de Puy Kamp, a New York-based journalist, said Akbar molested her when she was an 18-year-old intern at his newspaper Asian Age in New Delhi in 2007.

"What he did was disgusting, he violated my boundaries, betrayed my trust," de Puy Kamp told the news website Huffington Post India.

The other journalists who have accused Akbar, which include some of the country's leading journalists and authors, were not immediately reachable on Sunday, or did not immediately respond to requests for comment. REUTERS

Hefner's trademark black pajamas to hit auction block

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Playboy founder Hugh Hefner's trademark black silk pajamas and red smoking jacket are going up for sale as part of an auction of his belongings, including his complete set of Playboy magazines.

Julien's Auctions said on Friday the sale would also include Hefner's white captain's hat, a custom 1974 Monopoly board game including a Playboy bunny playing piece, his Playboy bunny logo cufflinks, 2016 passport and his Bible.

Hefner, who helped usher in the 1960s sexual revolution with his magazine and nightclubs, died in September 2017 at age 91. He left his property to his foundation, which is putting some of the items up for sale.

All the proceeds from the Nov. 30-Dec. 1 auction in Los Angeles will go to Hefner's foundation, which was set up in 1964 to advocate for civil liberties, including LGBT rights and the legalization of medical marijuana.

"My father lived an extraordinary life as a publishing, social and cultural pioneer and left a legacy that his foundations will perpetuate," his daughter, Christie Hefner, said in a statement.

The dozens of items up for sale include one of Hefner's signature pipes (estimated to sell for $2,000 to $3,000), his personal copy of the first, 1953 issue of Playboy with Marilyn Monroe on the cover ($3,000 to $5,000), a 1946 Wurlitzer jukebox with 24 original albums ($10,000 to $20,000), and a 2007 limited edition set of 48 Playboy prints ($20,000 to $30,000).

Hefner's pajamas and smoking jacket, which became a symbol of his Playboy mansion parties in Los Angeles, are expected to fetch up to $2,000 and $5,000, respectively.

In 2016, Playboy magazine did away with full-frontal nudity, but that policy was reversed a year later.

The Playboy Clubs, heavily criticized by feminists, closed in 1991, but a New York venue reopened in September, complete with women waitresses wearing corsets, fluffy tails and rabbit ears. REUTERS

BRIEF

Lindsey Buckingham sues Fleetwood Mac after being axed from tour

Guitarist Lindsey Buckingham has sued his former Fleetwood Mac bandmates, accusing them of breach of contract for cutting him out of their North American tour and the millions of dollars he would have earned from it. Buckingham, 69, one of the most influential members of the British-American band behind hits like "Don't Stop" and "Rhiannon," was dropped earlier this year from the tour lineup. In a lawsuit filed on Tuesday in Los Angeles Superior Court, Buckingham said the dispute stemmed from a clash between the planned 2018/19 Fleetwood Mac tour and Buckingham's wishes to play some solo dates. The lawsuit claimed that each member of the group would have earned about $12 million to $14 million for the 50-city tour, which kicked off last week. The other band members "intentionally acted to interfere with Buckingham's relationship with [concert promoters] Live Nation and the prospective economic benefit he was to receive as a result of his participation in the tour," the lawsuit said. Buckingham said he learned he had been dropped two days after a Grammy Musicares celebration in New York in January 2018 honoring the main members of the band — Stevie Nicks, Christine McVie, Mick Fleetwood, John McVie, and Buckingham. "Less than a week after having shared a stage at Musicares, the other members of Fleetwood Mac had suddenly cut Buckingham off entirely," the lawsuit said. REUTERS

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Weekend march honors Puerto Rican victims of colonialism

Puerto Rican Philadelphians and their supporters marched to remember Puerto Rican victims of colonialism in Philadelphia over the weekend. The march, from Logan Circle to the Philadelphia Museum of Art (PMA), saw participants carry a 60-foot Puerto Rican flag that was laid on the steps of the PMA during rally remarks.

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Taurus A change is heading your way. Don't expect to please everyone. Do what suits your needs, and live life your way. Let experience be your guide.

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Cancer Don't hesitate when you should be moving forward and accomplishing all you can. If you expand your interests, skills and friendships, good results and rewards will be yours.

Leo Don't let the actions of others get to you. Look at what you can accomplish, and head in a direction that will give you the opportunity to do what you do best.

Virgo Tie up loose ends and plan to take on new endeavors. A positive change in the way you treat friends and family will lead to greater popularity and support.

Libra Consider what others want, but don't forgo your own desires just to avoid discord. Sometimes it pays to stick up for who you are and what you want.

Scorpio Participate in events that stimulate your mind and encourage you to take on projects that will test your skills. Spend less time worrying and more time doing something constructive.

Sagittarius Don't assume that everyone is on your side. Sharing your plans with someone at work or influential in your community will put you in a precarious position.

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Jodie Whittaker talks about the challenges of 'Doctor Who' secrecy

The first female Doctor thought telling no one about her casting was the hardest part.

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Last week, the 11th season of "Doctor Who," which was rebooted in 2005 after the popular British science-fiction series had been off the air for decades, premiered.

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genre fans at large for many reasons. For starters, it was the first new "Doctor Who" episode since the previous actor to play the role, Peter Capaldi, signed off last Christmas.

More importantly, however, was the fact that Sunday's premiere debuted Jodie Whittaker's new take as the Doctor's 13th incarnation. Why? Because in program's nearly 55-year history, the "Broadchurch" actress is the first woman to ever play the titular character. And as she explained at the 2018 New York Comic Con, keeping this fact a secret was one of the hardest parts of taking the job.

"In this day and age, and with people's ability to find things out, the secrecy was the hardest part," she says. "It's really hard. You work so hard on something and it's not just us. We rock up last to set and get to leave the first, just so we can avoid spoilers."

Of course, Whittaker is quick to note that her playing the Doctor and keeping it a secret before the official reveal was only the hardest part for her.

"Everyone else who's building the sets, creating the monsters and doing all the work in post-production, like writing the incredible new score -- they're doing the hard work," she says. "Though yes, all of us have to keep that hard work a secret, too.

Because it's really such a wonderful adventure if you don't already know the ending, and it's hard in this day and age to keep it that way." Whittaker here specifically talks about spoilers, which television and film studios will often go to extreme measures to prevent from ever happening.

"It was all so much easier before technology," she notes, "but because of technology, this wonderful series will also be reaching however many corners of the earth they can get it to. That's really wonderful if you think about it. But even then, it's difficult because when we're not able to tell anyone anything, we have to ask them to trust us."

The inherent difficulties of keeping an incredibly popular show's secrets from being spoiled notwithstanding, Whittaker isn't wrong about technology's benefits in this case. The day of the first episode's premiere, BBC, BBC America and several other BBC affiliates broadcast "The Woman Who Fell To Earth" as part of an unprecedented global simulcast. As a result, the episode reached 2.6 million total viewers in the United States alone.

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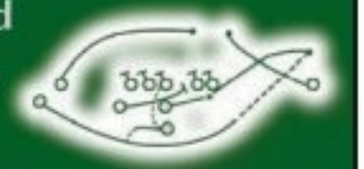

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Arrow stars welcome Ruby Rose's Batwoman with open arms

"Girl, get it."

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Ahead of the "Arrow" season seven premiere Monday, star Katie Cassidy has only one piece of advice for newcomer Ruby Rose, who's set to play Batwoman in this year's crossover event with "Supergirl" and "The Flash."

"Girl, get it. That's all I have to say," Cassidy says. "Good for you girl. Freaking get it."

The actress, who's been a mainstay in the "Arrowverse" since it's inception, isn't the only one who's pumped about the addition of the Gotham hero. Fellow "Arrow" star Rick Gonzalez is also pretty excited about the upcoming "Elseworld" team-up episodes, and hopes that his character Rene, also known as the vigilante Wild Dog, gets a chance to tango with Batwoman on the small screen.

"I'm hoping Wild Dog gets to interact with Batwoman," says Gonzalez. "I remember my first crossover, I got to interact with Supergirl and the Flash. Just to see Wild Dog right there in the mix with them was iconic for me in my mind."

While Cassidy and Gonzalez can't wait to see Batwoman take up her cape and cowl, some fans weren't exactly happy with the casting of Rose when it was announced over the summer. The actress received a ton of backlash from angry social media users, who claimed that she wasn't lesbian, a trait that's been integral to the modern, Kate Kane version of Batwoman. Rose, who came out at 12 and describes herself as gender fluid, posted one final message addressing the issue before deleting her Twitter account, saying that she was often called "too gay" for many roles in the past. "How do y'all flip like that? I didn't change."

Katie Cassidy

Controversy aside, Gonzalez believes Rose's Batwoman will be a beacon of hope to members of the LGBTQ community. The actor has nothing but praise for the CW and "Arrowverse" architect Greg Berlanti, as they've consistently featured diverse characters and cast members with each of the network's superhero series.

"I'm always a big fan of identity and using our platform to give people empowerment through identity," says Gonzalez. "If we only allow a certain identity to evolve or to succeed in TV and film, then we're kind of alienating the world. We're kind of saying that they don't matter and this is the only thing that matters."

"What I love about the CW and Warner Bros., DC and Greg Berlanti, who's championing not just the LGBTQ community, but Latinos and blacks and all races and cultures," he adds. "That's what he wants to see, diversity at its finest, because that's the real world."

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"Arrow" returns Monday night at 8 p.m. on the CW. ALL PHOTOS CW

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Rick Gonzalez

Batwoman won't be the only hero joining the fray when the three-night crossover airs Dec. 9-11, as the event will also mark the debut of Bitsie Tulloch's Lois Lane and the return of Tyler Hoechlin's Superman. Although major details are being kept under wraps, "Elseworld" will bring together heroes from across the CW's DC multiverse for what's sure to be a game-changing team-up.

"If Wild Dog can throw some jabs at Superman, then my bucket list is done," jokes Gonzalez. "Well maybe not done, but it'll be up there."

Before we get to that point, Gonzalez and company have to deal with the ramifications from the "Arrow" season 6 finale and how that will impact the team going into season 7. The show's status quo has shifted significantly, as Stephen Amell's Oliver Queen will kick off the new season in jail, leaving Star City without its beloved Green Arrow.

Gonzalez notes that Team Arrow will have to find a way forward without their fearless leader, all while dealing with the impending threat of last year's villain, Ricardo Diaz (Kirk Acevedo), who evaded capture in the finale.

For Cassidy, she's excited to see the evolution of her character Black Siren, a villain from another Earth and mirrors her original character Black Canary, who was killed off the show in season 4. According to the actress, this season will take a deeper dive into what makes her tick.

"There's a lot, but it's cool to get an opportunity to explore the backstory of Black Siren," says Cassidy. "We'll dive more into her story."

Overall, both stars can't wait for the fans to see how grounded and real season 7 will be.

"What I love about being on the show, season 7, we create a lot of storylines for each other and, at the end of the day, we don't throw anything away," says Gonzalez. "We still carry the weight of everything that we've been through, everything that we deal with, to make it super believable and make the fans invested."

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Looking for some fun and unique activities to do this week in Philly? You're in luck; some fantastic events are going on. Here are six fun things to do in Philly this week.

The Perennial Gaze at the Asian Arts Initiative
Join in to experience the unveiling of Shahzia Sikander's mural The Perennial Gaze as part of their 25th Anniversary celebration. Refreshments will be served as you discuss the creative process behind The Perennial Gaze and more with the artist herself. You can register online for the event.
Oct. 19, 3 p.m.- 4:30 p.m., Community College of Philadelphia, 556 N. 17th St., asianartsinitiative.org

Producers Dinner at High Street on Market
Owners Ellen Yin and Eli Kulp featuring guest Jonathan Adams of Rival Bros. Coffee will host a special meal featuring coffee-infused fare from Chef Andrew Farley and Adams. You can look forward to dishes including, coffee gnocchi with lamb ragu and crispy garlic and espresso tart with dark chocolate ganache, apple confit and white coffee ice cream.
Oct. 16, reservation times are available, High Street on Market, 308 Market St., $45, highstreetonmarket.com

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PSPCA hosts "Friends" trivia at Punch Line Philly
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Oct. 16, 5 p.m., Punch Line Philly, 33 E.Laurel St., $5, punchlinephilly.com

Community Night at the Franklin Institute
Everyone is welcome to join in the fun at these free, educational and fun-filled science extravaganzas that include The Franklin Institute's famous permanent exhibits, special programs, and hands-on activities.
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Banquet des Chasseurs at Bistrot La Minette
Chef-Owner Peter Woolsey is briefly suspending a la carte service in honor of their 10th anniversary, offering instead a multi-course feast paired with endless "toasts" in the form of pastis, kirs and red and white wines – all inspired by one of Chef Woolsey's most memorable nights in France. All meals will end with house-baked croissants to take home. *Oct. 17-19, reservation times are available, Bistrot La Minette, 623 S. 6th St., $75, bistrotlaminette.com*

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Legal complaint puts student 'debt relief' companies in cross hairs, and borrowers can help make the case

Borrowers who say they were duped into paying for useless help in reducing their student debt now have a way to fight back. A New York public interest law firm has filed a class-action complaint against Equitable Acceptance Corp. and dozens of its affiliates.

NerdWallet is a personal finance website.

The New York Legal Assistance Group is taking calls from customers who think they've been wronged. Attorneys have set up a hotline for affected borrowers: 212-659-6165.

The complaint, filed in federal court, claims that Equitable, SLF Center, Integra Student Solutions and up to 41 other companies lured borrowers into paying $39 or more a month for student loan adjustment they could get for free through the U.S. Department of Education.

The complaint alleges that Equitable and its partner companies "saddled" as many as 60,000 consumers "with additional, unnecessary debt on deceptive terms and at usurious rates."

The complaint says Minnesota-based Equitable, which is under investigation by the Federal Trade Commission, "masterminded" the plan.

Equitable says the allegations are without merit. They are based on the "horribly skewed perspectives of the process and the specific accounts in question," says Daniel D. Hill, Equitable's general counsel. Equitable entered the loan adjustment business years after it had been established, he says. "To say that we're behind this, coordinating and masterminding this, is just nonsense."

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A 'worthless' service

The companies target struggling borrowers, promising loan forgiveness they "do not and cannot actually offer," the complaint says. It says Equitable directs its partners to sell this "worthless" service for $1,300.

Many consumers can't afford to pay that much in advance, and upfront fees are illegal.

So the debt companies offer a "payment plan," steering borrowers to Equitable to complete the sale, the lawsuit alleges.

Equitable generates a new loan to cover the charges in the form of a $1,300 line of credit, the suit says. After fees and interest, the contract can cost borrowers $1,800 or more over several years. Consumers who stop paying can end up with damaged credit.

Hundreds of borrowers have filed complaints against Equitable with the Better Business Bureau and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, NerdWallet reported in June.

Perpetuating the problem?

The FTC started investigating Equitable in 2017. Investigators have questioned it about consumer complaints, its relationship with student debt companies and how much revenue it has received from certain companies.

The new complaint, filed in U.S. District Court in New York by New York Legal Assistance Group and Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, a business litigation firm, is not yet certified to move forward as a class action. The complaint suggests that Equitable plays a leading role in the problems besetting the student "debt relief" industry. Among other things, the complaint says Equitable: "Uses threats of negative credit reporting to induce Borrowers to continue making payments;" Coordinates with partners, which "need EAC's financing to get otherwise unattainable up-front payments that fund their operations;" "Omits numerous pieces of information that are mandated by law" in its credit contracts.

Equitable denies that its contracts are deceptive or that they exclude information required by law.

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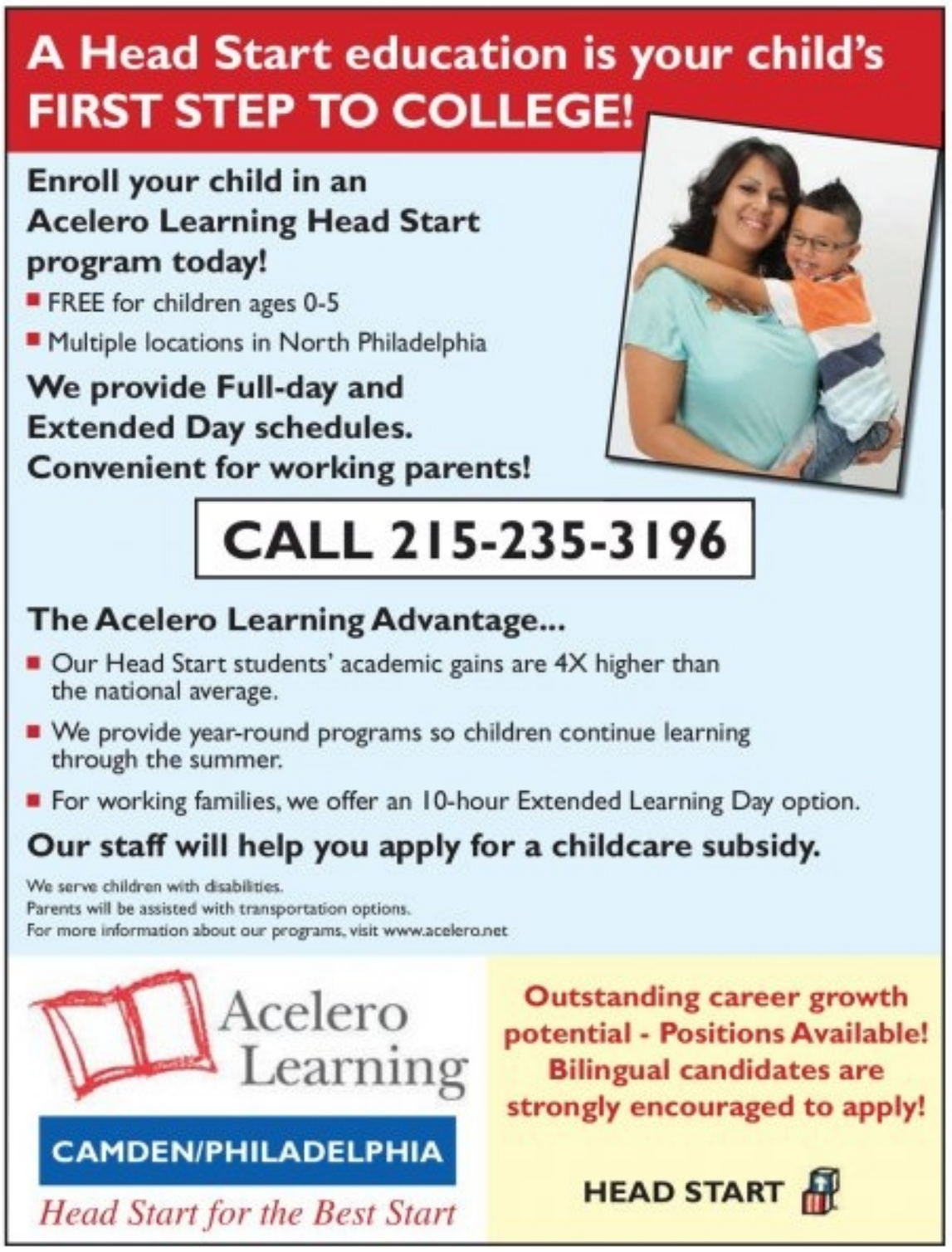
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Meet a professor who teaches science dressed as Spider-Man

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Mexico-based Moisés Vázquez works wearing a superhero costume.

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Teaching science at a university is not always easy or fun, but a Mexico-based professor at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) discovered a way to inject a little interest — wearing a Spider-Man costume. A scene from a comic book in which the superhero is featured in front of a blackboard inspired Moisés Vázquez to disguise himself and surprise the students. After a couple of years doing so, Vázquez assures that his teaching method is effective and manages to create a greater bond between him and students.

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MOISÉS VÁZQUEZ, Mexico-based professor

Tell us about yourself.
I work in computer science. I study various subjects such as formal verification and computer theory. I'm a professor at the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

Are you a big fan of comics?
I'm really a fan of comics, I've learned valuable life lessons from them. My favourite is Spider-Man, obviously, but I also like other characters like Wolverine, Daredevil, Defenders, and many others.

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When did you decide to start giving classes dressed as Spider-Man?
I was inspired by the story called "The Substitute Teacher" and it's about a day when Spider-Man went to teach at Avenger Academy. As soon as I saw the superhero in front of the blackboard I knew that I had to do that. It's as if a force inside me told me that this was my duty.

My goal is to make communication between teacher and student enjoyable and trustworthy so that they can ask questions during the class. The mask prevents them from seeing my eyes, and I think seeing Spider-Man always makes others happy.

How do your students react?
The response is always positive. There is always a lot of affection from them. I try to do my best in each class.

What do the UNAM directors say about your way of working?
At first, management summoned me, and I told them I did not profit from this and that my goal is to show that people who do science also have other passions.

What are your future plans?
I want to teach for the rest of my life. I want to continue to grow as an academic, make contributions to science if possible, and I also want to write books.

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Sixers preview: What to watch when new year tips off

The Sixers will open up the regular season on Tuesday night against the Boston Celtics.

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Since the 2017-18 season came careening to an end against the upstart Boston Celtics, the Sixers have been searching for answers.

They still are.

Sound harsh?

Well, the "star hunting" Sixers added very little to a 52-win team. There was so much to like about the Sixers.

They won 52 games, a 24-game improvement from the previous season and won a round in the playoffs, defeating the gutsy Miami Heat.

When the Eastern Conference semifinals concluded, the Celtics captured the series in five games. The Celtics were clearly better in just about every way. And they have Kyrie Irving and Gordon Hayward returning from injuries to join a stacked roster this season.

Furthermore, the Sixers didn't add LeBron James, Paul George or Kawhi Leonard. Instead, they acquired Wilson Chandler in a trade from the Denver Nuggets.

The Sixers just didn't seem to improve all that much while other teams in the East such as the Toronto Raptors, Milwaukee Bucks, Indiana Pacers and Washington Wizards all appeared to get better.

As the 2018-19 season is about to begin, here are five things to look for.

The Sixers enter the 2018-19 season as one of the favorites in the Eastern Conference. GETTY IMAGES

1. JOEL EMBIID MUST STEP UP

Embiid had a solid season across the board, but his flaws were exposed in the playoffs. He turned the ball over too much and his conditioning was questionable.

Embiid will need to lead this young group from Day One. He must last through the marathon NBA season and push through when the schedule gets tough. The young center will post terrific statistics, but being a leader is much more than numbers. If Embiid can stay healthy, his potential is incredible.

2. BEN SIMMONS HAS TO START HITTING THE MID-RANGE JUMPER

Simmons had a fantastic rookie season and proved worthy of being the No. 1 overall pick. He was fearless in every way and improved steadily throughout the entire season. Simmons accomplished all of this without a jumper.

At some point, teams are going to pack their defenses in the paint and will force Simmons to shoot. He doesn't need to make three-pointers. But he has to show the ability to hit a 12-to-15-foot jumper.

3. DARIO SARIC MUST BE A LARGER FIGURE IN THE OFFENSE

Saric does all the little things that don't show up on the scoreboard: setting screens, diving for loose balls, boxing out, taking charges, etc. He has looked more and more comfortable in head coach Brett Brown's system.

There will be nights when Embiid and Simmons will need other players to step up. Saric has the drive, both physically and mentally, and the fan base already loves his passion.

4. MARKELLE FULTZ HAS TO SHOW SOMETHING. ANYTHING

Yes, he's still just 20. But Fultz is also a No. 1 overall pick who has struggled physically with his shot. No one truly knows if he's ready emotionally to recover from last year. The preseason means nothing.

Once the real games start, Fultz has to play well and continue to prove his mettle. He wants to be the team's third star. He just needs to be a consistent player, which will help immensely.

5. BRETT BROWN TAKING PHILLY TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Brown has done a remarkable job of keeping this team together through many tumultuous moments over the last five seasons. The Sixers finally began to trend up, but taking the next step is going to be even harder.

Without a star addition in the offseason, the Sixers have to rely solely on player development. Brown is tremendous at motivating his players. This will be yet another challenge.

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Penn's late score spoils Bagnoli's homecoming

The Quakers picked up their first win in the Ivy League on Saturday against Columbia.

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Even after the fifth time in the red zone finally proved the charm, there was still work to do before Penn could walk off venerable Franklin Field with a harder-than-it-should've-been 13-10 win over Columbia on Saturday.

Not until freshman Mohammed Diakite stepped in front of a fallen receiver for an interception that sealed the deal with seven seconds left on the clock could the Quakers breathe a sigh of relief and celebrate.

Otherwise, this could've been a happy homecoming for Lions coach Al Bagnoli, who spent 23 years with the red and blue, winning nine Ivy titles, before deciding to take over Columbia's shamble of a program.

Instead, his former right-hand man, Ray Priore, was able to savor his third win in four tries over his mentor.

"When it's somebody you've worked with for a very long time and you're good friends, like anything else you're competitors on this day," explained Priore, whose 4-1 Quakers remain alive in the Ivy race at 1-1, trailing 2-0 Princeton and Dartmouth.

"It's no different than it was a year ago up. It was 24-7 then and we let them back in. Give them credit, but we have to finish."

They barely managed to get that done on Saturday thanks to a fortunate referee's spot on a key fourth down play and the Diakite's pick right when Columbia was on the verge of setting up for a field goal that could've sent it into overtime. That came moments after the Lions had connected on a 43-yard bomb on 4th-and-18 at their own 4-yard line.

Priore knew his team never should've been in that position in the first place, having managed just two Jack Soslow field goals in four trips to the red zone. Rather than having a comfortable lead, they suddenly found themselves down 10-6 when Columbia converted a muffed punt at one end and a short punt at the other into scores.

"I think we're playing sporadic right now," said Priore, after sophomore quarterback Ryan Glover's four-yard run on the option finally gave them the lead with 6:55 left in the game, then the defense made just enough plays to hang on.

"We moved the ball up and down the field but left points on the field with some missed opportunities. You don't necessarily survive those."

Somehow the Quakers did, frustrating Bagnoli, who's done wonders since taking over a Columbia program that was in the midst of a 23-game losing streak in 2015. In his fourth season, he's now 3-2,16-19 overall, coming off an 8-2 year that included a 34-31 overtime win over the school he left.

It's a decision he insists was never planned.

"If I knew I was going to stay in coaching I would've stayed at Penn," said Bagnoli, who went 148-80 at the helm of the Quakers and is currently 15 wins behind Yale's Carm Cozza for the most in Ivy history.

"We're getting better and I'm more energized because the challenges are much different. I think every school has challenges, but this one has unique challenges different than the ones at Penn."

At least now when Bagnoli comes back he doesn't have to worry about facing any former players or recruits.

"It's far enough away where you don't recognize any of the players," said the former Penn head coach, who had to go with backup quarterback Josh Bean and several other reserves due to injuries.

"The first time it was weird because a good portion of the kids were my recruits. Now there's been some separation and it's not much different than anywhere else except I know more of the administrators. I view it as a tough place to come in and play."

Ages ago, the Lions were an Ivy force led by Hall of Fame quarterback Sid Luckman. The Quakers, with Chuck Bednarik and other greats, were right there, too. While their 2018 counterparts are no longer on that level, they still put on a show that went down the wire.

"I can live with getting beaten by somebody," said Priore, who has a short week to prepare with Yale coming in on Friday.

"But when you're out there beating yourselves, making things tough on yourselves, you have to correct that," he explained. "At the same token, I'm very proud of them for being so resilient."

Consequently, Penn was able to take care of business against an old friend.

Penn came away with a tough win over Columbia. GETTY IMAGES

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Could Sixers be in on Anthony Davis?

There is a slight chance Davis could team up with Ben Simmons and Joel Embiid.

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Could Anthony Davis be playing with the Philadelphia 76ers next season? Well, according to one NBA reporter, the Sixers have a chance to land the superstar big man.

Chris Sheridan of Get More Sports reported last week that Davis is considering the Sixers, Boston Celtics, Los Angeles Lakers, New York Knicks and the New Orleans Pelicans in the near or distant future.

The NBA scribe also wrote that the determining factor for Davis will be what the Pelicans do in the first half of this season. If they are winning basketball games, then things should be good.

However, if they are not winning and start sliding in the Western Conference, then it is a strong possibility that the former first overall pick will be moved before the NBA trade deadline.

If we take what Sheridan wrote with a grain of salt, it does not come as a surprise that Davis is thinking about his long-term future somewhere else. The Pelicans have been wildly inconsistent over the last few years and have not done the best job of putting the best talent around their star big man.

Last season, New Orleans made the playoffs and won a first-round playoff series, sweeping the Portland Trail Blazers in four games. They were able to accomplish this feat with Rajon Rondo and Jrue Holiday handling things in the backcourt and Nikola Mirotic helping out Davis in the frontcourt.

Could Anthony Davis be on the 76ers' radar? GETTY IMAGES

Mirotic was acquired in February from the Chicago Bulls after All-Star center DeMarcus Cousins went down with a season-ending injury.

However, as New Orleans gears up for this season, Rondo is with the Los Angeles Lakers and Cousins is in Golden State. That's a lot of talent missing that Davis will be playing without.

Then, if you factor in the decision of Davis signing with Rich Paul of Klutch Sports earlier this offseason, it could signal that he might want out sooner than later.

The 6-foot-10 forward has two years and roughly $52 million left on his contract, which is up at the end of the 2020-21 season. Therefore, it makes sense for New Orleans to try to trade the 25-year-old superstar if things go south by the deadline.

The Lakers and Celtics seem like the overwhelming favorites to acquire Anthony Davis because of the young assets they have, but do not rule out the Sixers.

Even though Philadelphia struck out in their pursuit to land a star this summer, they still have more than enough assets and a new GM in Elton Brand who is willing to make a substantial move.

In regards to a hypothetical trade between the two teams, the Sixers could use the Miami Heat's 2021 first-round pick that they acquired on draft night for starters.

In addition to that, they could also include their 2019 first-round pick, multiple second-round picks, Jerryd Bayless, Markelle Fultz, and Robert Covington or Dario Saric.

On the surface, this seems like a lot to give up, but Davis is a generational talent. Imagine pairing him in the frontcourt with Joel Embiid. Two big men, that could do damage in the paint, but also on the perimeter? It is a scary thing to think about.

The potential addition of Davis would help elevate the Sixers to the top of the Eastern Conference, surpassing both the Celtics and Toronto Raptors. And not to mention, this hypothetical trade would help New Orleans with life after Davis.

Nevertheless, it should be interesting to see how things play out between the Pelicans and Anthony Davis. The big man obviously wants to be the best player in the game and win, but it might not happen in New Orleans.

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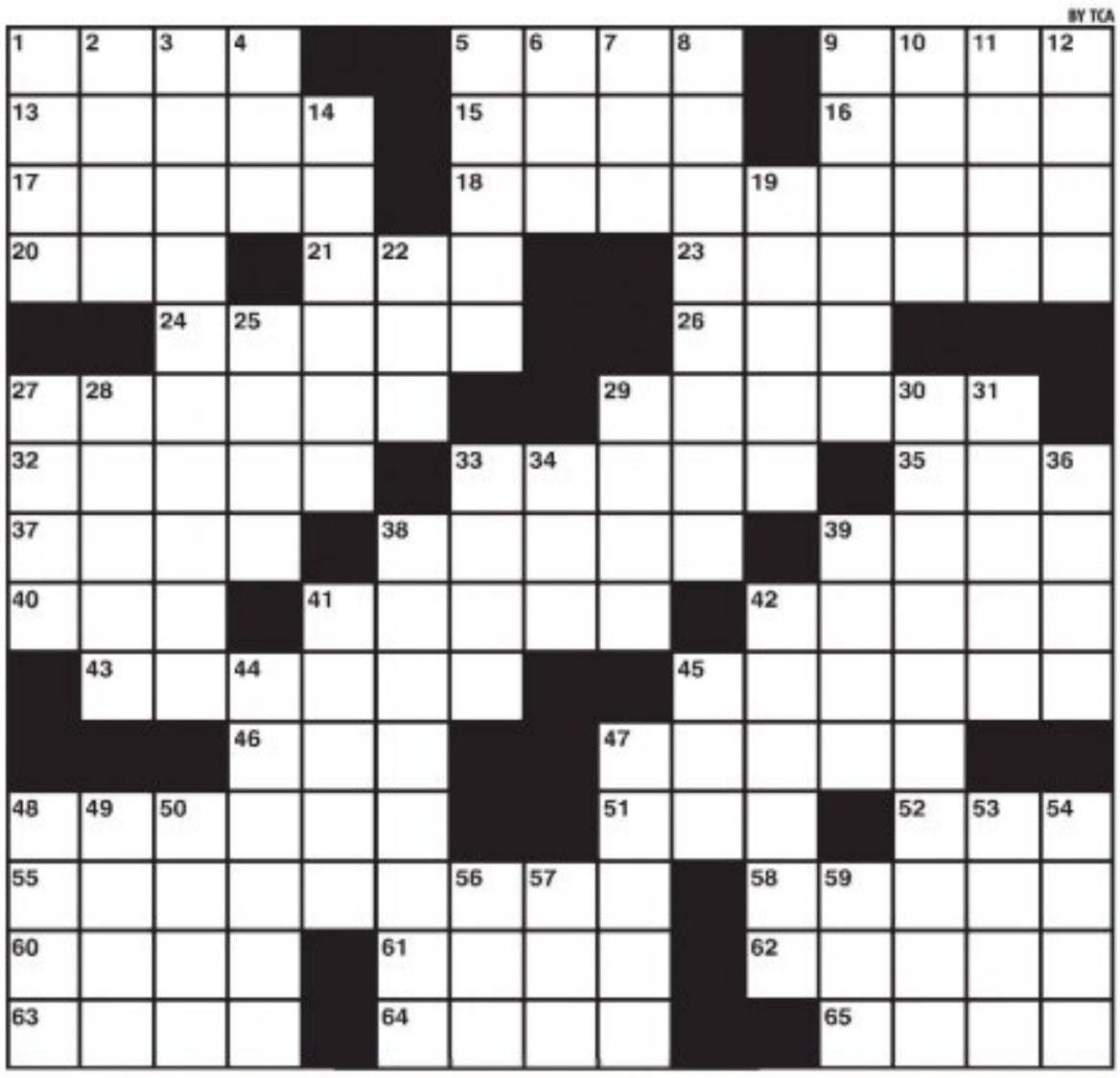

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